

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Upon entry of this amendment, the following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the pending application.

Please amend the pending claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A filter, comprising:
 - a filter housing having a filter base;
 - a filter insert located in the filter housing;
 - a valve located in the filter housing, the valve having a valve body and a valve seat, wherein the valve seat is formed by the filter base; and
 - a combination component;
 - a support dome supporting the filter insert; and
 - a filter bypass valve disposed within the filter for enabling bypass of the filter;
 - wherein the valve body is located in the combination component, and the combination component has a connector for connecting at least one additional filter component to the combination component, wherein the at least one additional filter component comprises ~~a~~the support dome.
2. (Previously Presented) The filter according to claim 1, wherein the combination component has a base plate on which the valve body is elastically supported by a spring, the valve seat associated with the valve body being disposed separately from the combination component.
3. (Currently Amended) The filter according to claim 2, wherein the base plate has an opening to which a tubular sleeve is connected, which tubular sleeve forms the valve body for one of a drain valve and ~~a~~the filter bypass valve.
4. (Previously Presented) The filter according to claim 3, wherein the tubular sleeve is designed as a component which is separate from the base plate.

5. (Previously Presented) The filter according to claim 1, wherein the combination component has a connector to which a the filter insert is detachably attached or attachable.